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## EagleCals #35

## Schlangenschwarm Fw 190s

These colorful Fw 190s belonged to the "Einsatzschwarm" (combat unit) of Jagdgruppe 10, an evaluation unit that tested new tactics and weapon systems such as the W.Gr. 21 cm rockets. Historical data so far is sketchy on this intriguing unit. These two Fw 190s are the only aircraft documented to date having the gaudy snake design running the full length of the fuselage. The port side snake of "Red 8" is slightly different from the starboard side snake of "Red 11" therefore mirror images are provided of the snakes for the two aircraft. However, if the modeler so chooses, the opposite side snakes could be mixed to provide variety.

References: Original photos from private collection; Flugzeug Classic April 2001 issue.

"Red 8" Fw 190 A-7/R6 W.Nr. Unknown Pilot: Fw. R. Hartkopf JGr. 10 Summer 1944 Parchim, Germany Note unit code I1 behind *Balkenkreuz*. W.Gr. 21 cm rocket tubes installed, outer wing MG 151 20 mm cannons deleted on these aircraft in this unit. It is not clear, due to lack of photo documentation, that this machine has the outboard wing 20 mm cannons. D/F loop base is present but antenna is missing. FuG 16 zy and FuG 25a are installed. ETC 501 rack with drop tank rack installed.

Colors: Undersurfaces; 76 Light Blue, uppersurfaces 75 Gray-Violet, 74 Gray-Green.

Spinner Black with White spiral. Prop blades; 70 Black-Green.

Undercowling; 04 Yellow

National Markings: Fuselage; B3 800 mm 74 Gray-Green crosses with White outline.

H2a 480 mm Black Hakenkreuz with White outline, slightly narrower than normal.

Wings: Upper B6 910 mm White outline crosses.

Lower, B3 900 mm Black/White crosses (provisional)

Stencilling: Factory Standard

"Red 11" Fw 190 A-8 W.Nr. Unknown JGr. 10 Summer 1944 Parchim, Germany No unit code I1 behind *Balkenkreuz* like "Red 8". No antenna pulley system on canopy. No rocket tubes installed outboard 20 mm cannon installation unknown. All antennas intact. ETC 501 rack installed. Yellow/Red snake design slightly different than "Red 8".

Colors: Undersurfaces; 76 Light Blue, uppersurfaces 75 Gray-Violet, 74 Gray-Green.

Spinner Black with White spiral. Prop blades; 70 Black-Green.

Undercowling; 04 Yellow

National Markings: Fuselage; B3 800 mm Black/White crosses.

H2a 480 mm Black Hakenkreuz with White outline, slightly narrower than normal.

Wings: Upper B6 910 mm White outline crosses.

Lower, B3 900 mm Black/White crosses (provisional)

Stencilling: Factory Standard

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